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In November, supply traffic from the U.S.S.R. to East Germany was again far below the normal level of 1,000 carloads per month. The previous assumption that no large-scale supply shipments would be handled after October proved correct. In November, only 110 vehicles were shipped in connection with the motor vehicle exchange program. This operation was essentially completed in October 1952. ² The shipment of tank spare parts increased from 16 carloads in October to 106 carloads in November. The level of ammunition shipments, a total of 190 carloads, was very low. Previously, the rate of ammunition shipments increased during the last quarter of the year. It appears noteworthy that of the 190 carloads of ammunition arriving in East Germany in

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November, 54 were dispatched to the ammunition depot in Mockrehna (N 52/E 53). Previously, only former German ammunition had been stored there.

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7,800 tons of ammunition were shipped from the Mockrehna depot to a depot in Torgau-Sueptitz, where former German ammunition is being stored. It is believed that all German ammunition is being removed from Mockrehna in order to become a large Soviet ammunition depot. Prior to mid-December 1952, 3,000 to 5,000 tons of ammunition were observed being shipped from the U.S.S.R. and East German ammunition depots to Mockrehna. 25X1

The small amount of ammunition shipped from the U.S.S.R. to East Germany deserves attention. According to a rough calculation based on empirical data, about a half to one unit of fire at most is consumed for training purposes per year. This would add up to an annual consumption of 15,000 to 25,000 tons or a monthly dispatch of 100 to 150 carloads of ammunition.

The present flow of ammunition shipments would meet the requirements according to the above calculation. Prior to the summer of 1952, considerably more than 100 to 150 carloads of ammunition per month were shipped from the U.S.S.R. to East Germany each year. It is believed that the ammunition shipped in excess of actual requirements was stocked. Should ammunition shipments to East Germany continue on the low level as observed during the last months, it may be inferred that the stocks of ammunition have reached the level ordered to be established by the summer of 1952. According to a conservative estimate, total Soviet ammunition stocks available in East Germany amount to 300,000 to 400,000 tons, i.e. 12 to 15 units of fire.

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